IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 5070

Natsuhiko MORI, et al.

Art Unit: 3656

Application No.: 09/320,649

Examiner: William C. Joyce

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For: HYDRODYNAMIC TYPE OIL-IMPREGNATED SINTERED BEARING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: April 6, 2010

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2010, the period for response being extended one month, from March 22, 2010 to April 22, 2010 with payment of the appropriate fees, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 23-24, drawn to a bearing device having a lubricating oil/grease selected from among mixtures of poly-α-olefin or hydrogenated compound thereof and ester.

This election is made without traverse. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number 100725-09009.

Respectfully submitted,

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